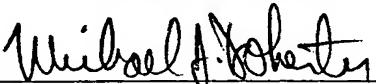
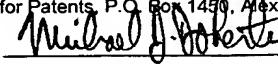




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<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>				
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.				
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.				
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